

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With this amendment, claims 1-13, and 16-20 are pending. Claims 13, 16 and 17 are amended. Claim 15 is canceled. None of the amendments made herein constitute new matter.

In the Office Action of January 25, 2008, claims 1-12, 19 and 20 are indicated as allowed; Claims 13 and 18 are rejected; and claims 15-17 are objected to.

Claim 13 is amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 15.

Claim 15 is canceled as redundant in view of the change made to claim 13.

Claims 16 and 17 are amended to change claim dependency from canceled claim 15 to claim 13.

Claim Rejections

Claims 13 and 18 are rejected as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2004/0054311 ("Sterling") in view of U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2005/0159691 ("Turrini") under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), and claims 15-17 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The Office indicates Claims 15-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicant has incorporated claim 15 in claim 13 and accordingly canceled claim 15 without prejudice.

In view of the amendment presented herein, it is believed the rejection is obviated. Accordingly, Applicant requests the rejection be withdrawn. As the objected claims 16-17 depend from claim 13, Applicant requests that objection be withdrawn.

Because claim 18 depends from claim 13, Applicant requests the rejection of claim 18 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the pending claims are allowable and requests the application proceed to allowance. Applicant understands that no fee is due. If this is incorrect, please charge any deficiency under the foregoing to deposit account no. 07-1969.

Respectfully submitted,

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